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NEBRASKA FBLA STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARDS

Forty-seven Nebraska Future Business Leaders of America students recently received Top 10 Awards at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Orlando.

Students placing first, second or third in state competition competed June 28 through July 1 at the national conference.

The 47 Top 10 award winners are:

First Place

- Ashley Quiring of Heartland High School, Accounting I
- Dani Carpenter and Lindsey Eubanks of Cambridge High School, Business Plan
- Amy Chin of Lakeview High School in Columbus, Computer Applications

Second Place

- Ryan Erskine and Bill Spilker of Tri County High School, Computer Game and Simulation Programming

Third Place

- James McDonald, Joel Ratzlaff and Maggie Schneider of Aurora High School, Entrepreneurship
- Amy Chen of Gibbon High School, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure
- Adam Britten of Bellevue West High School, Job Interview
- Tyler Wellman of Syracuse High School, Josiah Hood of Bellevue West High School, Jessica Hansen of Dorchester High School, Amy Chin of Columbus Lakeview High School, Curtis Reynolds of Tri County High School, Jenna Woitaszewski of Wood River High School and Lauren Schneider and Kendra Nebel of Raymond Central High School, State Chapter Annual Business Report

Fourth Place

- Amber Hagerbaumer, Ashley Kunes and Dana Johnson of Twin River High School, American Enterprise Project
- Jared Knust of Tri County High School, FBLA Principles and Procedures
- Manizha Kholmatov, Shannen Lambdin and Monica Lu of Lincoln East High School, Global Business
- Bailey Carr of Heartland High School, Word Processing I

Fifth Place

- Dean Detten, Ryan Kula and Kelsey McKay of Gretna High School, Management Information Systems
- Jenna Woitaszewski of Wood River High School, Client Service

Sixth Place

- Addie Corbit and Amanda Winstead of Laurel-Concord Coleridge High School, Global Business

Seventh Place

- Michael Gilbert and Taylor Wenzl of Johnson-Brock High School, Computer Game and Simulation Programming
- Ashley Anderson and Stephanie Teten of Johnson-Brock High School, Digital Video Production
- Kelcee Matousek of Omaha Northwest High School, Job Interview

Eighth Place

- Curtis Reynolds and Jared Knust of Tri County High School, Local Chapter Annual Business Report

Ninth Place

- Samantha Sorge of Cozad High School, Computer Applications
- Kendra Nebel of Raymond Central High School, Future Business Leader
- Adam Zehr, West Point-Beemer, Personal Finance

Tenth Place

- Christy Laughlin, Nikki Novak and Shannon Ronhovde of Elmwood-Murdock High School, Partnership with Business
- Allison Braun of Heartland High School, Word Processing I

Other awards and recognitions included:

National Business Achievement Awards – America Level (top awards in this four-level program)

- Tabitha Urban of Arlington High School; Laura Komenda of Raymond Central High School; Amanda Fike of Sandy Creek High School; Laci Strassburg of Silver Lake High School; Tyler Wellman of Syracuse High School; Ashley Kelly and Jackie Engstrom of Twin River High School; Jenna Woitaszewski of Wood River High School

The following received awards in national recognition events:

- Jenna Woitaszewski of Wood River High School was named to Who's Who in FBLA.
- Shawna Koger of Arlington High School was recognized as Nebraska's Outstanding Local Adviser.
- Kris Gaebel of Gretna High School received the Adviser Wall of Fame Award.

The following members completed terms on the FBLA Mountain Plains Region Executive Board:

- Jena Gangwish of Adams Central High School, Hastings, National President's Assistant
- Tabitha Urban of Arlington High School, Ryan Kula of Gretna High School and Taylor Marten of Sandhills High School, Mountain Plains Vice President Assistant
- Kelsey Cherry of Twin River High School, Mountain Plains Vice President Assistant and Communications Director
- Kevin Thor of Stanton High School, National Treasurer's Council

Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit

Arlington High School, Blair High School, Dundey County Stratton High School, Elmwood-Murdock High School, Fairbury High School, Fillmore Central High School, Johnson-Brock High School, Lakeview High School, Litchfield High School, Lyons-Decatur Northeast High School, Minden High School, Omaha Northwest High School, Omaha Roncalli Catholic High School; Raymond Central High School, Sandhills High School, Sandy Creek High School, Tri County High School, Twin River High School, Wilber-Clatonia High School and Wood River High School

Mountain Plains Region Recognitions

- Second Place, Nebraska FBLA, Largest State Chapter Membership
- Second Place, Pleasanton High School, Market Share Award

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